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Tung Po and Teemaking.

There is but one way of making tea, for

Unless the water boiling be poured on water spoils the tea. The teapot itself should be heated very hot before the tea is placed in it and the boiling water poured on. It should be scalding hot water, or the leaves will float to the top.

No less authority than Tung Po, the Chinese poet, is quoted for a recipe for teemaking. He says: "Whenever tea is to be infused, take water from a running stream and boil it over a lively fire. It is an old custom to use running water, boiled over a lively fire. That from springs in the hills is said to be best and river water the next, while well water is the worst. A lively fire is a clear, bright charcoal fire. When making an infusion, do not boil the water too hastily. At first it begins to sparkle like crabs' eyes, then somewhat like fish's eyes and lastly it boils up like pearls innumerable springing and waving about. 'This is the way to boil water.'

A teaspoonful of tea for two cups, with one for the pot, is the rule.

Saint's Powder Keelpe.

In Germany and Italy great honor is paid to St. Barbara, but until now no one has been able to discover the exact reason.

A German officer says that she is honored because the invention of powder is in a large measure due to her.

Berthold Schwarz, a monk, he explains, opened the "Lives of the Saints" on St. Barbara's day and read the story of her martyrdom, after which he reasoned as follows:

"The heart of the Virgin was white as salt, the soul of her tormentor was black as coal, and it was sulphur from heaven which punished him for his cruelty. I will mix these three things, and it will be a wonder if I do not discover the philosopher's stone."

He did mix them, and as soon as he put the mixture in a fire a tremendous explosion followed. Such, according to German soldiers, was the origin of gunpowder.

The Wedding Gift.

It is a golden rule to send a wedding gift in good time, the first to arrive being much more appreciated than that which is one of the many pouring in from all quarters during the last week.

By adhering to this rule one will be saved the annoyance of hearing that the satellects are charming—the third set already received.

A month before the wedding day is not too early to send the present, which should be accompanied by a visiting card.

The package should be addressed to the bride, if one is intimate with the happy couple, and to the bride's house, addressed to the bridegroom. If it is he with whom one is best acquainted.

The Diagnosis.

There are things that only a doctor can successfully accomplish, and there are other things which the physician may safely relegate to a competent assistant.

"I understand the doctor has just been to see your husband, Mrs. McCarthy," said Mr. McCarthy's employer. "Has he made a diagnosis?"

For a moment Mrs. McCarthy was submerged in a sea of doubt, but she rose triumphant.

"No, sorr," she said confidently, "he left it to me, him saying I was well able to do it, sorr. It's to be made wid linseed on a sbout muslin, sorr."

Sagacity.

"Why, yes, I have seen a good deal of Tom Robinson recently. Fact is, he's one of the most entertaining men I ever met. Really, I didn't know there was so much in him. He's positively brilliant when you get him talking. Most delightful companion and so hospitable and—"

"I see. Which of Robinson's sisters is it—the little one with the black hair or the tall blond one?"

"It's the little one with the black hair."

A Kiss and a Snap.

In 1837 Mr. Thomas Saverland brought an action against Miss Caroline Newton, who had bitten a piece out of his nose for his having tried to kiss her by way of a joke. The defendant was acquitted, and the judge laid down that "when a man kisses a woman against her will she is fully entitled to bite his nose if she so pleases."—"The Kiss and Its History."

Lapsus Linguae.

"You understand, of course, that my daughter has been reared in the lap of luxury?"

"Why, she told me last night that mine was the first—er, that is, I hope, sir, that I may be able to make such provision as to keep her from pinning for the lap you mention."—Chicago Herald.

The Same Old Climate.

"Is not your climate rather changeable?" asked the tourist.

"No, it isn't," answered the old settler who always contradicted. "If it was, don't you suppose we'd have changed it for something else years ago?"—Washington Star.

A Modest Thespian.

Briggs—That fool Steephig considers himself the greatest actor on earth. Benson—Is that so? He's getting strangely modest. He used to consider himself the greatest actor that ever lived.—Tit-Bits.

Never tell a man that he has made a fool of himself. If he knows it, he will get angry—and he will get angry also if he doesn't know it.

Be natural. A poor diamond is better than a good imitation.—Boston Herald.

Billiousness is a condition characterized by a disturbance of the digestive organs. The stomach is debilitated, the liver torpid, the bowels constipated. There is a loathing of food, pain in the bowels, dizziness, coated tongue and vomiting, first of the undigested or partly digested food and then of bile. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets allay the disturbance of the stomach and create a healthy appetite. They also tone up the liver to a healthy action and regulate the bowels. Try them and you are certain to be much pleased with the result. For sale by M. M. Lewis, druggist.

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THOROUGHLY CHINESE.

Canton Is One of the Oldest Cities in the World.

Canton, the capital of the province of Kwangtung, has a population of about 2,000,000 and is one of the oldest cities in the world, and until the port of Hongkong was opened it was the export city of the empire. Its old walls and fortifications, with their old gates, are all now obsolete and entirely neglected, remaining only as monuments of departed ages. They have never been of service except as warning of danger to an invading foe and no doubt had the desired effect until the last half century.

Canton is said to be absolutely and thoroughly Chinese, and there is no other city in the empire that is more so. There it exists today, with its narrow streets, its old temples, its wealth, its extreme poverty and its peculiarly constructed buildings, and when one considers the habits and customs of its people and their achievements in the arts so characteristic of that country, its ancient history so resplendent centuries ago, unless that history is a fable, and sees there now so much that is filthy and repugnant to common decency and civilization the present state of the country needs but to be seen to be condemned.

No stranger is respected or safe from insult within its limits unless he has official or military bearing or is in care of a trusty guide—one of their own countrymen, armed with piquant license and power.

Friendly Foes in Kentucky, 1862.

In these matters of principle not a hand was raised to prevent a free choice. No feeling of personal hatred stood between those who saw life's duty differently. A neighbor to the right of a little home called one evening on his neighbor to the left. He kissed the children and shook hands with the parents.

"I may not see you again. Tonight I go to join Morgan," he said.

The host went to his little wardrobe, took therefrom his greatcoat, thrust a pistol into the pocket and threw it over the arm of his guest. Both were poor men, and winter approached. The recipient attempted to return it. "No," said the donor, "no, you take this coat. Your path is to be one of privation; besides, I won't need it. Tomorrow morning I start north to enlist. My government has overcoats to spare, and pistols too. You who go south may find neither. God bless you, friend. May we return to meet again."

—Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly.

Through Other Spectacles.

Some very good stories are told of the impression made upon those who attend for the first time the very high church Episcopal service, with its elaborate ritual and its extraordinary musical features, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. The reply of a very prominent Catholic priest when asked by the friend who had taken him there how he liked the service, "Well, really, I prefer the simple ritual of my own church," is a current story at the clubs.

Even more amusing was the comment of the elderly Scotchwoman whose relatives said to her as they were leaving after the service: "Well, Aunt Janet, did you enjoy the service?"

"A' weel," said Janet in response, "it's verra interestin', but what a w'y to spend the Sabbath!"—New York Times.

A Wrestle With German.

An estimable woman of Milwaukee is an earnest member of a local German class, but her method of pronouncing some of the words, at least in one specific instance, aroused the mirth of her companions. At a recent meeting of the class one of the questions in the day's exercise was, "Are you not glad that you are able to learn German?" This query was in the foreign language, and the answer was, "Ja, gewiss," meaning, "Yes, certainly." It so happened that this particular woman was called up to read the question and answer. She got through the question all right, but couched the class by reading the answer this way, "Ya; gee whizz!"

Don't Be a Pest.

If you can't oblige people in any other way, you can at least let them alone. Half the troubles of people are due to idle and impudent interference in their affairs. Half the time when you make a vigorous kick there is no kick coming to you. One of the worst habits people have is making each other unnecessary trouble. Life is hard enough at best. Don't be a pest. If you can't help others, you can at least let them alone.—Arlington Globe.

Beards In Old Russia.

The Russians had an old law by which any one who drew hair from another's beard should be fined four times as much as for cutting off a finger, and the importance and value of the appendage are further illustrated by the fact that, although the loss of a leg was estimated at 12 shillings, the loss of the beard was estimated at 20.—London Globe.

Pained Him to Leave.

Soubrette—The heavy tragedian says he gets a rousing reception everywhere. He says it pained him to leave the last town.

Comedian—You bet it pained him! I understand they rode him out on a keened edged rail.—Philadelphia Record.

A Startling Telegram.

Ten girls in a composition class were told to write a telegram such as would be suitable to send home in case of a railway accident while traveling. One of the girls wrote:

Dear Papa—Mamma is killed. I am in the refreshment room.

Wants Others to Know.

"I have used DeWitt's Little Early Risers for constipation and torpid liver and they are all right. I am glad to endorse them for I think when we find a good thing we ought to let others know it." writes Alfred Helme, Quincy, Ill. They never gripe or distress. Sure sale pills. D. C. Bowman.

The Number Three in the Bible.

When the world was created, we find it and its surroundings comprised of three elements—air, water and land—the whole lighted by the sun, moon and stars. Adam had three sons mentioned by name, and so did Noah, the patriarch. Daniel was thrown into a den with three lions for the crime of praying three times. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were rescued from the fiery furnace. Job had three special friends. There were three patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Samuel was called three times; Elijah prostrated himself three times on the dead body of the child; Samson discovered the secret of his great power, and the Ten Commandments were delivered on the third day.

Jonah was three days and nights in the whale's belly. "Simon, lovest thou me?" was repeated three times. Paul makes mention of the three graces—faith, hope and charity. The famous allegorical dreams of the baker and butler were to come to pass in three days. Then we have the holy trinity—Father, Son and Holy Ghost; the sacred letters on the cross were three in number, they being I, H. S.; so also the famous Roman motto was composed of three words—viz, in hoc signo.

Sleight of Hand Poisoning.

A very curious item in toxicological lore I chanced to light upon, wrote George Augustus Sala in one of his letters, may be called the feat of poisoning by sleight of hand. You were jealous of a lady, and you wished to kill her. Well, you asked her to lunch, and you caused a very nice peach to be served at dessert. You cut the fruit with a golden knife, one side of the blade of which was coated with a deadly poison. You presented the poisoned half of the peach to the lady, who ate it with much relish and then dropped down dead.

The wholesome half you ate yourself and laughed in your sleeve and went on slicing more peaches for the ladies of whom you were jealous till you were found out and broken on the wheel. Aye, there's the rub! What high old times we might have, to be sure, but for that plaguy contingency of being found out!

Austrian Bulls.

Here are a few "bulls" that have been perpetrated from time to time in the Austro-Hungarian parliament: "One most important point of the agricultural question is the maintenance of the breed of horses to which I have the honor to belong."

"We are here for the event and vote of our constituents."

"Gentlemen, consider this question in the light of a dark future."

"The eye of the law weighs heavily on our press legislation."

"There, gentlemen, is the ever changing point of which the opposition has made a hobby horse."

"This taunt is the same old serpent which for years and years has been growling in this assembly."

Incidents in American History.

A traveler who has just returned from a visit to Matanzas says that he visited El Cumbre, a short distance from the city, and there was reminded of an incident in American history with which he was entirely unfamiliar and which he is willing to bet not one American in a hundred knows anything about. He refers to the fact that a vice president of the United States took the oath of office there, being authorized to do so by special act of congress. El Cumbre means "the summit," and it was here that William Rufus King, vice president with Franklin Pierce, dying of consumption, was sworn into office March 24, 1853.

Loafing and Working.

Ever notice at the end of a day when you have fooled along with your work and slouched through everything in a slipshod manner that you are tired as if you had worked steadily and done your work well? And how much better satisfied you feel with yourself when you have done your work as you should. Your employer also notices these things. Don't belong to the slipshod class. Do your work well. You will feel better and stand higher in the estimation of the man you work for.—Arlington Globe.

Tricks of the Trade.

If you find maple twigs and fragments of leaves in your "maple" sirup, you may feel pretty sure that it is an imitation or has been adulterated. People who make the pure article sent it to market clean. The best butter does not have hair in it to prove that it was made from cows' milk. Strained honey with bits of comb in it is subject to the same suspicion. Tomato figs with a fig leaf on top of the box is another instance.

Suggestive.

"No," said the Widow Rakeleigh, "I didn't altogether like the minister's sermon over poor John."

"Why, I thought it quite sympathetic," said her friend.

"Well, I didn't like his pronunciation when he said John had gone 'to that undiscovered country from whose 'burn' no traveler returns.'"—Philadelphia Press.

Proof Presumptive.

A Mohawk valley justice of the peace invariably gave judgment for the plaintiff in civil suits before him without hearing the defendant, alleging that unfortunate litigant with, "Well, vot I think he sue you for if you don't owe him?"—Rochester Democrat.

Her Mother's Visit.

Mrs. Benham—You don't seem to be very glad that mother is here.

Benham—What did you expect me to do—die of joy?—New York Herald.

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